

herewith. Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows without prejudice:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

7. (Amended) A composition comprising therapeutically active amounts of [from one to about three] oxygen-labile species selected from the group consisting of a retinoid[s], choleciferol, vitamin K, an ascorbic acid, [ascorbic acid derivatives,] a tocopherol [and tocopherol derivatives and a mixture] or a combination thereof, wherein at least one of said oxygen-labile species is a retinoid; and a stabilizer compound comprising N-acetylcysteine.

17. (Amended) A composition according to claim 7 comprising a retinoid and at least two oxygen-labile species selected from the group consisting of choleciferol, vitamin K, an ascorbic acid, [ascorbic acid derivatives,] and a tocopherol [and tocopherol derivatives].

18. (Amended) A composition according to claim 7 wherein said composition further comprises [a] at least one water-soluble oxygen-labile species selected from the group consisting of niacin, thiamine, riboflavin, folic acid, pyrodoxine, pantothenic acid, niacinamide, lipoic acid, dihydroplipoic acid, an amino acid[s and their derivatives] or a combination of said water-soluble oxygen-labile species [and mixtures thereof].

21. A composition according to claim 7 wherein said composition further comprises a humectant, an antioxidant other than said

oxygen-labile species, a preservative, a fragrance, a surface active agent, a binder and a skin protectant agent.

19. (Amended) A composition [according to claim 7] comprising therapeutically active amounts of oxygen-labile species selected from the group consisting of retinoids, choleciferol, vitamin K, ascorbic acid, ascorbic acid derivatives, tocopherol and tocopherol derivatives and a mixture thereof; and a stabilizer compound comprising N-acetylcysteine wherein said oxygen-labile species are a retinoid, a tocopherol and an ascorbic acid.

20. (Amended) A composition [according to claim 7] comprising therapeutically active amounts of oxygen-labile species selected from the group consisting of retinoids, choleciferol, vitamin K, ascorbic acid, ascorbic acid derivatives, tocopherol and tocopherol derivatives and a mixture thereof; and a stabilizer compound comprising N-acetylcysteine wherein said oxygen-labile species are a retinoid and an ascorbic acid.

22. (Amended) A composition comprising a retinoid in an amount of [from] about 0.01 to about 10% by weight of the composition [of a retinoid], a tocopherol in an amount of [from] about 0.01 to about 10% by weight of the composition [of a tocopherol] and an ascorbic acid in an amount of [from] about 0.01 to about 20% by weight of the composition [an ascorbic acid] N-acetylcysteine in an amount of [and from] about 0.001 to about 5% by weight of the composition [of N-acetylcysteine].

23. (Amended) A composition comprising an ascorbic acid in an amount of [from] about 0.01 to about 5% by weight of the